(ख) यदि हां, तो कर्मचारियों के उपर्युक्त वर्गों के वर्तमान वेतनमान क्या हैं और क्या इनमें कोई अंतर है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इसके कारण क्या हैं?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री शान्ताराम पोटदुखे): (क) जी, हां।

(ख) और (ग) चौथे केन्द्रीय वेतन आयोग द्वारा सिफारिश किए गए अनुसार इस समय उच्च श्रेणी लिपिकों का वेतनमान 1200–2040 रु. है तथा सहायकों का वेतनमान 1400–2600 रुपये है। केन्द्रीय सचिवालय सेवा के सहायकों तथा कुछ अन्य तुलनीय ग्रेडों के वेतनमान को उनके वेतनमानों में विसंगति को, एक निर्धारित प्रक्रिया के अनुसार दूर करने हेतु, संशोधित करके 1640–2900 रु० कर दिया गया था।

Seizure of gold

4300. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 155 given in the Rajya Sabha on 24th November, 1992 and state the quantity of smuggled gold seized by the customs authorities in different part, of the country during the last one year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): During the last one year (From December, 1991 to November, 1992) 2.885 tonnes of gold has been sized by the customs authorities in different parts of the country.

Transaction with Grindlays Bank

@4300A. SHRI RAMDAS AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to newsitem which appeared in The Hindustan Times of 13th October 1992 caption "Housing Bank may sue Grindlays for Rs. 506 crores" if the latter failed to return the paid amount;

(b) if so, to whom the above mentioned amount was paid by the Bank indicating the commission or renumeration paid, if any, by it;

(c) whether any prescribed norms/conditions for the limit of amount to be paid in such case by the Bank for construction or other purpose, was issued by the Government; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor, indicating the total transactions done by Grindlays during 1990-91, 1991-92 and 1992-93 so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The National Housing Bank (NHB) has reported that the amount of Rs. 506 54 crores was paid by NHB to ANZ Grindlays Bank on different dates for purchase of certain securities. ANZ Grindlays Bank disputed the said securities transactions. However, on 4th November, 1992, ANZ Grindlays Bank has paid Rs. 506.54 crores to NHB, subject to the matter being resolved by arbitration. No commission/remuneration was paid by NHB in respect of the purchase transactions.

(c) and (d) There are no norms/conditions laid by the Government for the limit of amount to be paid by NHB for constructions or other purpose.

Regularization of casual employees by the Calcutta Doordarshan

4301. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the casual employees working in Calcutta Doordarshan for over five years and being paid at the rate

@Previously Unstarred Question 3976, Transferred from 18th December, 1992.